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SUBJECT: US-FRG COOPERATION IN MAGNETOHYDRODYNAMICS

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1. ACCORDING TO DFG OFFICIAL, LIQUID-METAL MHD PROGRAM AT TUB IS STILL UNDER REVIEW BY EXPERT GROUP. DECISION ON FUTURE OF THIS PROJECT IS SCHEDULED FOR MID-DECEMBER MEETING OF DFG SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE. PENDING THIS DECISION, DFG NOT RPT NOT WILLING TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF FUNDING US-FRG COOPERATIVE PROJECTS.

2. SCIATT TELEPHONED PROFESSOR FREUND, TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY, BERLIN, WHO HAS ALREADY WRITTEN LETTER TO DR. PETRICK AT ARGONNE NATIONAL LABORATORY WITH EXPLANATION OF CURRENT SITUATION. FREUND STATED HE SURPRISED BY ATTITUDE OF DFG GROUP WHO APPEAR NOT RPT NOT VERY INTERESTED IN MHD FROM ENERGY CONVERSION VIEWPOINT. DFG, WHICH EMPHASIZES BASIC RESEARCH, WOULD APPEAR TO FAVOR MORE FUNDAMENTAL STUDIES, I.E. INTERACTION OF MAGNETIC FIELD AND FLUID FLOW. FREUND SOUNDED SOMEWHAT DISCOURAGED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF US-FRG COOPERATION BUT EMPHASIZED HE MUST WAIT FOR DECEMBER DECISION.

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3. EMBASSY COMMENT: IT WAS CLEAR FROM RATHER RELUCTANT
RESPONSE TO INQUIRY MENTIONED PARA 1 THAT SENSITIVITIES
DESCRIBED IN PRIOR EMBASSY CABLES STILL EXIST. SCIATT
WILL CONTINUE DISCREET CONTACTS BUT IT SEEMS UNLIKELY
THAT DEFINITE ANSWER WILL BE AVAILABLE BEFORE
DECEMBER DFG DECISION.
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